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As indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action, during a telephone conversation, an election was made to prosecute the claims of Group I, that is, claims 1-12, 14-19, and 21-27.

The Applicant hereby affirms the earlier telephonic election. Consequently, the claim of Group II, that is, claim 20, has been canceled.

The Applicant now turns to the objection to claims 3 and 23. Claims 3 and 23 were objected to due to informalities. Specifically, the Examiner noted in the Office Action that in both claims the recitation of "said recipient information" lacks antecedent basis. The Applicant has amended claims 3 and 23 to depend from claims 2 and 22, respectively which recite "recipient information." The Applicant respectfully submits that the elements recited in claims 3 and 23 as amended now have proper antecedent basis and that the Examiner's objection has been overcome.

The Applicant now turns to the rejection of claims 1-3, 8, 9, 15, 16, and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shiraogawa. Shiraogawa generally relates to a multiple addressing facsimile system. More specifically, as discussed beginning at col. 3, line 28 and as illustrated in Fig. 4, Shiraogawa discloses a facsimile signal received at a satellite communications receiver and sent to a switching control device. The switching control device sends the facsimile signal to a single facsimile device. The single facsimile device receives the signal and, if the signal is mean for the facsimile device, the image receiving operation for the facsimile begins. That is, as explained at col. 6, lines 55-64, the switching control device includes a relay to select an input when a facsimile signal is received. Then, as described at col. 6, line 65 to col. 7, line 7, the single facsimile device determines whether the received facsimile